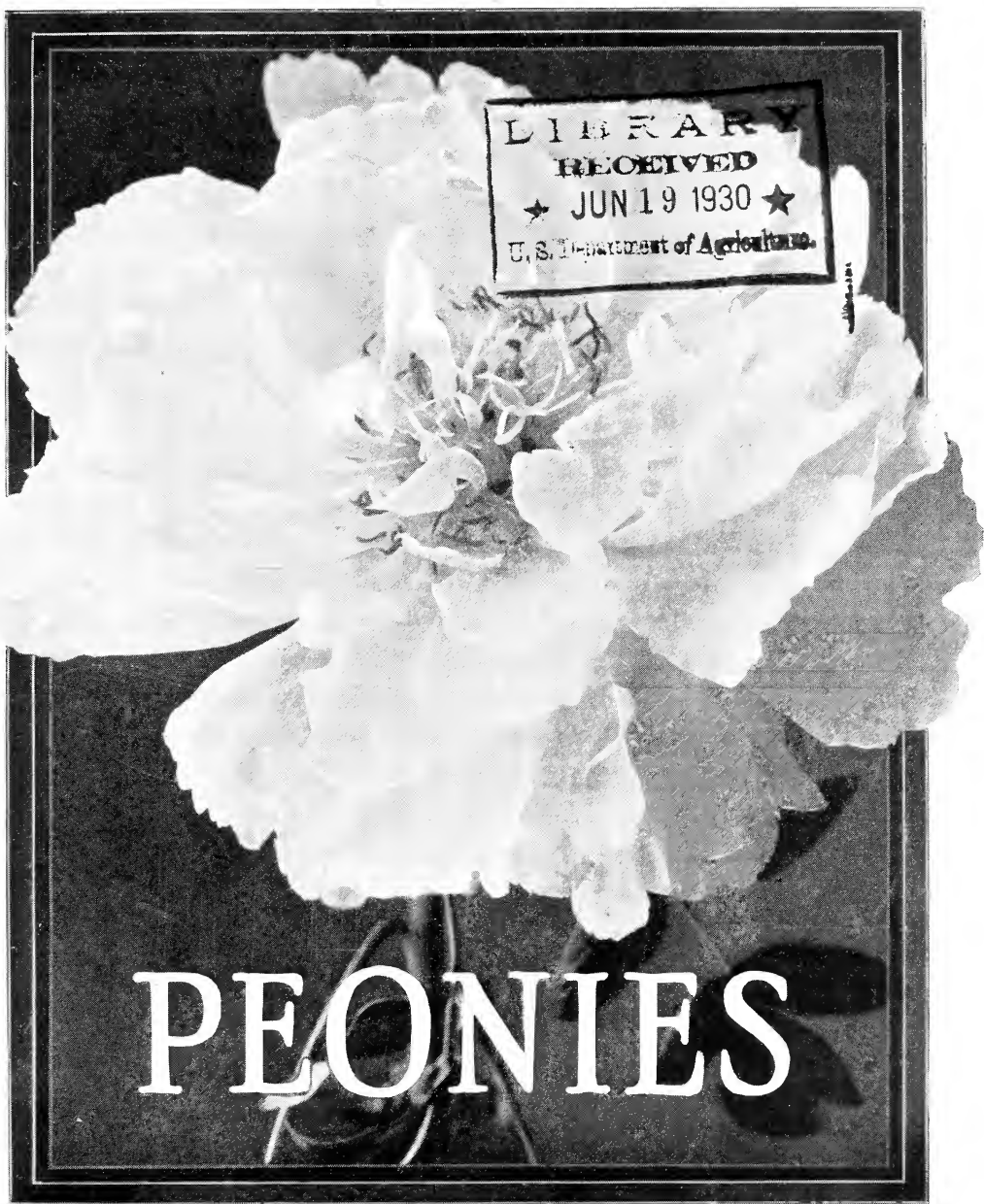


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# OBERLIN PEONY GARDENS

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# Introduction

In presenting this Catalogue of the Peony, the Queen of Flowers, we wish to say to the reader, by way of introduction, that Sinking Spring, Pa., with its surrounding territory, is famous for its Peonies. The soil and the climate are well adapted to the growth of this beautiful flower, which in delicacy of tint and fragrance more nearly approaches the rose than any other flower. If you are a lover of flowers, you are making a wise choice in selecting Peonies to grow, as they are the most satisfactory, being the easiest to raise of any and all flowers for this country, particularly the North. They are the most hardy, the most showy, the most dependable, the most reliable, the most wonderful flowers, and we might say the only flowers you can't kill with neglect. Immense quantities of the blooms are shipped to the large flower-markets of the eastern cities in May and June, and thousands of Peony roots are shipped to the lovers of this flower residing in all parts of the United States, during the planting season.

**EIGHT WEEKS OF PEONY BLOOM.** We have these beautiful flowers with us for nearly two months. You may share our enjoyment with us for the same length of time by consulting our Catalogue and planting the varieties as they are classified, from the earliest to the very latest bloomers.

**CULTURE.** The Peony is free from insect pests and its cultivation is quite simple, presenting no serious difficulties to the amateur grower. Peonies are very effective for massing and in groups along shrubby borders, and to produce the best results a single variety should be used for each group. In studying foliage effects, it should be remembered that while the blooms of the early May-flowering section are very fine and brilliant, the plants become dormant in the late summer and the foliage dies a great deal earlier than that of the *Chinensis* section.

**TIME TO PLANT.** The proper time to plant Peonies is in the autumn, beginning about September 1, although the early May-flowering section can be planted as early as August 15, and the planting of the roots can be continued until the ground freezes. To prevent heaving of the roots by frost, they should be covered with a mulch of leaves or strawy manure the first season. Peonies can also be planted successfully in spring if this is done early, as soon as the frost is out and the soil is dry enough.

**SOIL.** The soil should be a deep, rich, rather moist loam, but Peonies will thrive in almost any kind of soil. A clay subsoil, if well drained, is very beneficial when blooms are desired. In preparing a bed, dig to the depth of 18 inches, removing the yellow subsoil and replacing it with good surface soil. Work in a liberal quantity of well-rotted cow-manure. Keep the ground well tilled and, as has already been said, give the plants a top-dressing of manure in November, which should be worked into the soil the following spring. When the plants are about to bloom, they should be well supplied with water. If manure is unobtainable, bone-meal or a potato fertilizer rich in potash may be used and found very beneficial to top-dress the plants in early spring or in October.

**PLANTING.** It is very important to plant the roots properly. Many roots fail to bloom because planted too deeply. Set the plants so that the eyes are only 2 inches below the surface. If well planted, they can remain undisturbed for a period of upward of fifteen years. Our roots usually bloom the first summer after planting. A Peony must become thoroughly established before the full and true characteristics of the bloom are shown to perfection.

**OUR ROOTS.** We offer no roots imported directly from Europe unless they have been thoroughly tested. Experience has shown that often they are badly mixed and untrustworthy. The majority of our roots are descended from stock of the most reliable American growers, have been tested on our grounds, and every one is true to name. If you wish to adorn your lawn or garden with true stock, correctly labeled, do not overlook this list. As to size, quality, and strength of our roots, they rank with the best on the market, and will usually bloom the first year. Kindly allow us to quote from letters sent voluntarily by our customers.

**Located at 425 Penn Avenue, Wm. Penn Highway**



*PÆONIA ARBOREA* (Tree Peony) *BANKSI*, 10 years old, on its own roots, 4 feet high, 15 feet in circumference, bore 125 double, flesh-pink flowers in 1929.—Oberlin Peony Gardens, Sinking Spring, Pa.

## Tree Peony Section

### *Pæonia arborea*

This species is the first to bloom in the early spring, preceding the *Officinalis* and *Chinensis* or *Herbaceous* sections by two to three weeks, according to variety. It is shrubby in character, while the *Officinalis* and *Chinensis* sections are *Herbaceous*.

Our Tree Peonies have all been propagated on their own roots, and will not be a disappointment to the purchaser, like some of the grafted stock coming from the Orient, which is usually offered. The latter suckers freely, and if the graft dies there will be nothing left but the wild stock on which it was grafted.

The habit of the Tree Peony is such that it positively should be on its own roots and allowed to sucker as much as it pleases, as this will increase the number of flowering stems and the circumference of the clump. No attempt should be made to confine it to a single stem.

When this happens, the shrub immediately starts to produce an increasing number of sprouts from below, and in this natural way it continues to live and prolong its life, at the same time enlarging the clump. Therefore, in pruning, no living wood should be cut, but only that part of the shrub that has been winter-killed should be removed.

It will require several seasons for it to become thoroughly established and show the perfection of its bloom. Double varieties will sometimes bloom single and semi-double until thoroughly established. The flowers are larger than those of the *Herbaceous* varieties, with a crepe-paper-like texture and ruffled and crimped on the edges of the petals. A well-established, mature bush is truly a gorgeous sight when in full bloom, growing 3 to 4 feet in height and spread and bearing 25 to 100 blooms. Illustration on front cover shows a well-developed Tree Peony bloom.

South and east exposures, in open spaces and in full sunlight, are the best locations. If planted where they are exposed to north or west winter winds, they should have protection by mulching with dry leaves or a screen the first year.

Unlike the Herbaceous Peonies, Tree Peonies should be planted deeply. Dig a large hole, removing the yellow subsoil and refilling with good surface soil only, mixing a little bone-meal with the soil, and water freely in dry weather. Cultivate and feed with bone-meal every fall.

All shipments by Express or Freight. Tree Peonies cannot be sent by Parcel Post.

We offer the following varieties:

1. **Moutan.** Large, single, red-maroon flowers. The first to bloom. \$5.00 each
2. **Banksi.** Large, semi-rose type, flesh-pink flowers. \$5.00 each; \$50.00 per doz.
3. **Flight of Cranes** (Rein Kahu). Large, semi-double, white blooms with a delightful odor and a center of golden anthers. each
4. **Golden Center** (Ukaregi-Oh). Large, semi-double, brilliant, clear or warm salmon-rose flowers with a central cushion of golden anthers. \$10.00 each
5. **America.** Semi-double; beautiful, soft flesh-pink. each
6. **Ruriban.** Large; semi-double; satiny dark red. each
7. **Light Pink.** A fine semi-double variety of soft pink shade. each
8. **Lavender.** Large, semi-double bloom, with lavender shadings. \$8.00 each
9. **Souvenir de Maxime Cornu.** (Henry, 1897.) Vigorous grower, 3 to 4 feet high, with dark green, healthy foliage. The flowers are 7 to 8 inches in diameter, crowded with deep yellow petals, heavily shaded orange-salmon, passing to a pale sulphur-yellow. \$35.00 each

## Early May-Flowering Section

10. **Tenuifolia fl.-pl.** Double, crimson-red flowers. Fernlike foliage. \$2.50 each
  11. **Officinalis rubra plena.** Large, brilliant deep crimson flower—the old-fashioned “Piney” of our grandmothers. Extensively used on Memorial Day. \$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
  12. **Officinalis alba mutabilis.** Light pink, changing to white. \$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
  13. **Officinalis rosea plena.** Earliest rich rose. \$1.25 each; \$12.50 per doz.
  14. **Officinalis alba plena.** Large, convex, double, pure white bloom. A very scarce and valuable variety. \$2.00 each
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## TESTIMONIALS

Below are some testimonials that have come to us unsolicited:

**From Seattle, Wash.:** “The two Tree Peonies purchased from you recently came through in fine condition, and I am much pleased with the size and quality of the shrubs.”

**From Aiken, S. C.:** “The Tree Peony I bought from you was in full bloom March 28 and was beautiful.”

**From Far Rockaway, N. Y.:** “I want you to know that I was greatly pleased with the Peony roots which you recently sent me. Of the numerous roots which I ordered this spring from several of the largest Peony-growers in this country, yours were unquestionably the best and packed with a care which I have never seen before.”

**From Woodbridge, Conn.:** “I want to tell you that your shipments have come to hand in perfect condition. I never saw better packing in my life. The stock was big and strong. I like to get such stock. They are all planted and we hope for big results. Thank you.”



WALTER FAXON







Festiva Maxima Peonies

## Chinensis Section

In order to assist the purchaser in making his selection easy, we have carefully classified Peonies as to color and season of bloom in a systematic manner in the following list.

The ratings of the American Peony Society are given, following the name of the introducer and time of introduction. The highest rating a Peony can attain is 10; this is considered perfection.

## WHITE PEONIES

### Early

15. **Grandiflora Nivea Plena.** (Léon, 1824.) 8.1. Large, globular rose type; milk-white; very fragrant. First white Peony to bloom. \$1.50 each
16. **Festiva Maxima.** (Mieliez, 1851.) 9.3. The very largest milk-white bloom, flecked crimson. Magnificent. 50 cts. each; \$5.00 per doz.
17. **Festiva.** (Donkelaer, 1838.) 8.0. A very prolific bloomer. Creamy white blooms with crimson spots. Not so large as Festiva Maxima. 45 cts. each; \$4.50 per doz.

**EARLY WHITE PEONIES, continued**

18. **Mme. de Verneville.** (Crousse, 1885.) 7.9. Large, very full, bomb-type flower, with pure white center, blush when first open; fragrant. Medium height.  
50 cts. each; \$5.00 per doz.
19. **Duchesse de Nemours.** (Calot, 1856.) 8.1. Wonderful buds; cup-shaped sulphur-white bloom, no crimson flakes.  
50 cts. each; \$5.00 per doz.
20. **La Tendresse.** (Crousse, 1896.) 8.1. Large, compact, flat rose type; uniform milk-white, splashed guards, center flecked crimson. Strong; free bloomer.  
\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.

**Midseason**

21. **Mme. Crousse.** (Calot, 1866.) 7.9. Medium size; pure white, center flecked crimson; most fragrant. Strong, stiff stem. Best all-round white.  
75 cts. each; \$7.50 per doz.
22. **Mons. Dupont.** (Calot, 1872.) 8.3. Flat, milk-white bloom, splashed crimson. Erect, tall; free bloomer.  
75 cts. each; \$7.50 per doz.
23. **Avalanche.** (Crousse, 1886.) 8.7. Very large, compact, pure white blooms, edged with a light line of carmine. Very strong; extremely free bloomer.  
80 cts. each; \$8.00 per doz.
24. **James Kelway.** (Kelway, 1900.) 8.7. Large, rose-white bloom, showing golden stamens. Changes to milk-white. Tall, vigorous; free bloomer.  
\$1.25 each; \$12.50 per doz.
25. **Mme. Emile Lemoine.** (Lemoine, 1899.) 8.9. Large, globular, compact, semi-rose type; milk-white.  
\$2.00 each; \$20.00 per doz.
26. **Le Cygne.** (Lemoine, 1907.) 9.9. Enormous, perfectly formed, pure milk-white, globe-shaped blooms with no markings or stamens; very fragrant. Erect; strong stems.  
\$8.00 each
27. **Jubilee.** (Pleas, 1908.) 8.9. Very large, double flowers with long, narrow, white petals having a greenish tinge. Tall; free-flowering; long stems. \$2.50 each
28. **Mrs. Edward Harding.** (Shaylor, 1918.) 9.3. Blooms double, large, white, illumined by golden stamens under the petals. Medium height; free blooming; stiff stems. \$8.00 each
29. **John M. Good.** (Welsh, 1921.) 9.3. Double type; large; outer petals very large, graduating smaller; very pale pink, shading to pure white; richly fragrant. Tall, vigorous; moderately floriferous; stiff stems. \$25.00 each
30. **Frankie Curtis.** (Vories, 1924.) 9.3. Flower double type, very large, delicate flesh-pink, changing to pure white; guards broad. Medium tall; floriferous; stiff stems. \$20.00 each
31. **Kelway's Glorious.** (Kelway, 1909.) 9.8. Double type; very large; white, crimson streaks on outside guard petals; strong rose fragrance. Medium height; free flowering; strong stems. \$8.00 each

**Late**

32. **Alsace-Lorraine.** (Lemoine, 1906.) 8.8. Semi-rose form; pointed white petals suffused with a golden light. \$2.00 each; \$20.00 per doz.
33. **Baroness Schroeder.** (Kelway, 1889.) 9.0. Very large, rose type; flesh-white bud bleaching to white; extremely fragrant. Strong grower.  
\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
34. **Couronne d'Or.** (Calot, 1873.) 8.1. Large, flat, semi-rose type; ivory-white; fragrant. Very free bloomer and most dependable.  
65 cts. each; \$6.50 per doz.

## LATE WHITE PEONIES, continued

35. **Marie Lemoine.** (Calot, 1869.) 8.5. Large, globular, pure white flower with cream center and occasional carmine tip. Extra-strong stem.  
65 cts. each; \$6.50 per doz.
36. **Mireille.** (Crousse, 1894.) 7.7. Large, very full, milky white flower. Very late.  
\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
37. **Elizabeth Barrett Browning.** (Brand, 1907.) 9.2. Very large, semi-rose type. Blooms in the bud appear pure glistening white; fragrant. Extra fine.  
\$5.00 each
38. **Enchanteresse.** (Lemoine, 1903.) 8.9. Very large, fragrant, creamy white flower. Tall, strong, vigorous grower.  
\$3.50 each; \$35.00 per doz.
39. **Grace Loomis.** (Saunders, 1920.) 9.2. Large, double, white flower with faint lemon tints and mild fragrance. Medium height; floriferous; strong stems.  
\$12.00 each

## PALE PINK PEONIES

## Early

40. **Umbellata Rosea.** (Dessert, 1895.) 7.4. One of the very earliest varieties. Flowers pink and cream. Extra good for landscape and cut bloom.  
50 cts. each; \$5.00 per doz.
41. **Mme. Calot.** (Mieliez, 1856.) 8.1. Very large, rose type; pale hydrangea-pink, center shaded darker.  
60 cts. each; \$6.00 per doz.
42. **Judge Berry.** (Brand, 1907.) 8.6. Large, flat, soft light pink blooms. Very early.  
\$5.00 each
43. **Eugenie Verdier.** (Calot, 1864.) 8.6. Flat, pale hydrangea-pink bloom; fragrant. Very tall, erect; free bloomer. One of the showiest.  
\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
44. **Octavie Demay.** (Calot, 1867.) 8.5. Very large, flat crown; guards and center pale hydrangea-pink; collar almost white; fragrant.  
\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
45. **La Fee.** (Lemoine, 1906.) 9.2. Very large, crown type; extremely double; petals very long, light old-rose-pink, with narrow collar of creamy pink. Very strong, tall grower; free bloomer.  
\$8.00 each; \$80.00 per doz.

## Midseason

46. **Lady Alexandra Duff.** (Kelway, 1902.) 9.1. Nicely formed flower and delightfully scented, with very broad petals of soft French pink. Tall and robust.  
\$3.00 each
47. **Floral Treasure.** (Rosenfield, 1900.) 7.5. Large, rose type; pale lilac-rose; fragrant. Tall; free bloomer. One of the best commercial blooms.  
55 cts. each; \$5.50 per doz.
48. **La Tulipe.** (Calot, 1872.) 7.5. Large, flat, lilac-white bloom with crimson stripes on outer petals; fragrant. Tall; free bloomer. Good variety.  
65 cts. each; \$6.50 per doz.
49. **Asa Gray.** (Crousse, 1886.) 8.1. Lilac, sprinkled with minute dots of deeper lilac. Very striking.  
\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
50. **Venus.** (Kelway, 1888.) 8.3. High-crowned, delicate shell-pink, beautiful, compact bloom. Extra good for cut-flowers.  
\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
51. **Marie Crousse.** (Crousse, 1892.) 8.9. Double type; very large; guards large; central petals broad, pale pink, shaded rose; moderately fragrant. Floriferous; medium height; stiff stems.  
\$1.50 each

## MIDSEASON PINK PEONIES, continued

52. **Rose Shaylor.** (Shaylor, 1920.) 9.1. Flat, double, very large, flesh-pink bloom, tinted rose-pink; center petals marked crimson; mildly fragrant. Tall; strong; free flowering; stiff stems. **\$20.00 each**
53. **Phyllis Kelway.** (Kelway, 1908.) 9.0. Semi-double type; cup form; very large; rose-pink, paling to white in center; faintly fragrant. Medium height; free bloomer; strong stems. **\$6.00 each**
54. **Katharine Havemeyer.** (Thurlow, 1921.) 9.0. Blooms double, large, light rose-pink, with a tinge of old-rose; fragrant. Average height; floriferous; strong stems. **\$15.00 each**
55. **Thomas C. Thurlow.** (Thurlow, 1919.) 9.1. Flowers double, large, flesh-pink, paling to cream-white; center of yellow petaloids; rich, spicy perfume. Floriferous; strong stems. **\$20.00 each**
56. **June Day.** (Franklin, 1920.) 9.0. Large, double, old-rose-pink flowers, white outer petals; shows a crimson line in center; fragrant. Medium height; floriferous; good stems. **\$8.00 each**
57. **Edwin C. Shaw.** (Thurlow, 1919.) 9.1. Delightfully fragrant, double, very large, light old-rose blooms, with flesh-pink tones in center; occasional red edges; delightfully fragrant. Medium height; fairly floriferous. **\$12.50 each**
58. **Florence Macbeth.** (Sass, 1924.) 9.2. Double, very large, broad, flat, shell-pink flowers, deepening toward center; slightly fragrant. Moderately tall; floriferous; strong stems. **\$15.00 each**
59. **Mary Woodbury Shaylor.** (Shaylor, 1916.) 9.0. Very large, double, flesh-white blooms, illumined by golden reflections from the stamens; fragrant. Very floriferous; dwarf; stiff stems. **\$5.00 each**
60. **Solange.** (Lemoine, 1907.) 9.7. Extra-large blooms, with broad, rounded petals, suffused with a reddish golden light. One of the very finest. **\$5.00 each**
61. **Therese.** (Dessert, 1904.) 9.8. Very large, rose type with later a high crown, violet-rose, changing to lilac-white in the center. Strong; medium tall. Very desirable. **\$3.50 each; \$35.00 per doz.**
62. **L'Indispensable.** (Unknown.) 7.3. Very full, globular, rose type; lilac-white, shading to rose. Tall. **75 cts. each**
63. **Mme. Jules Dessert.** (Dessert, 1909.) 9.4. Flowers very large, well-formed, with great long, broad petals of flesh-white. One of the finest. **\$4.00 each**
64. **Reine Hortense.** (Calot, 1857.) 8.7. Large, compact flower, with broad, rounded petals of soft flesh color; guard and center petals marked carmine. Tall and vigorous. **\$2.50 each**
65. **Marguerite Gerard.** (Crousse, 1892.) 8.4. Bloom large, flat, blush-pink. Tall; strong grower; free bloomer. Greatly admired. **85 cts. each; \$8.50 per doz.**
66. **Eugene Verdier.** (Calot, 1864.) 8.3. Large, compact, pale hydrangea-pink bloom; fragrant. Free bloomer. **\$1.50 each; \$15.00 per doz.**
67. **Frances Willard.** (Brand, 1907.) 9.1. Blush-white flowers of large size and delicate texture, changing to white with age. Tall, strong grower. **\$4.00 each**
68. **Queen Emma.** (Unknown.) Large, bright light pink, fragrant flowers of rose type on strong, erect stems. Free bloomer. **\$1.25 each; \$12.00 per doz.**

## Late

69. **La Perle.** (Crousse, 1886.) 8.5. Very large, globular white flowers, with a blush center flecked with carmine. Tall, upright grower. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.**



Albert Crousse Peonies

## LATE PINK PEONIES, continued

70. **Albert Crousse.** (Crousse, 1893.) 8.6. Very large, bomb-type flower of rose-white, flecked crimson; fragrant. Tall; free bloomer; like a big, fresh carnation. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.**
71. **Mlle. Leonie Calot.** (Calot, 1861.) 8.1. One of the grandest tall-growing Peonies. Delicate soft lilac-pink. Free bloomer. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.**
72. **President Wilson.** (Thurlow, 1918.) 9.3. Double, very large, bright rose-pink blooms, paling with age; rich, spicy fragrance. Medium height; floriferous; strong stems. **\$25.00 each**
73. **Jeannot.** (Dessert, 1918.) 9.2. Large, double, pale rose-pink, deepening to old-rose in center; faintly fragrant. Medium height; free blooming. **\$6.00 each**
74. **Nancy Dolman.** (Vories, 1924.) 9.1. Very large, double, pale rose-pink flower becoming pinkish white in center. Tall, robust; floriferous; stiff stems. **\$25.00 each**
75. **A. M. Slocum.** (Franklin, 1920.) 9.0. A dwarf, floriferous variety with wiry stems. Its large, double blooms open pale rose-pink; center light, disclosing stamens. **\$6.00 each**
76. **Sarah K. Thurlow.** (Thurlow, 1921.) 9.1. Double; large; very delicate pink when half open, pure white when open; rose fragrance. Average height; floriferous; slender, strong stems. **\$12.00 each**

## LATE PINK PEONIES, continued

77. **Mme. Emile Galle.** (Crousse, 1881.) 8.5. Large, flat rose-type bloom of deep lilac-pink, changing to white in center. Strong; free bloomer.  
75 cts. each; \$7.50 per doz.
78. **Sarah Bernhardt.** (Lemoine, 1906.) 9.0. Flat, semi-rose type; large, imbricated petals of apple-blossom-pink.  
\$1.50 each; \$15.00 per doz.
79. **Harriet Farnsley.** (Brand, 1916.) 7.9. Beautiful shell-pink. A gem among the very late Peonies.  
\$1.50 each; \$15.00 per doz.
80. **Samuel Henshaw.** (Richardson, 1904.) 7.5. Very large blooms of cream and pink intermixed.  
\$3.00 each
81. **Phoebe Cary.** (Brand, 1907.) 8.8. Petals large, broad, of good substance. Color a beautiful rose-pink. Tall grower. Very fragrant.  
\$5.00 each; \$50.00 per doz.
82. **Tourangelle.** (Dessert, 1910.) 9.4. Rose type; mauve and rose shadings; very fragrant. Vigorous grower; long stems.  
\$4.00 each
83. **Milton Hill.** (Richardson, 1891.) 9.0. Very large, globular, compact, rose type; pale lilac-rose. A very fine variety.  
\$4.00 each
84. **Grandiflora.** (Richardson, 1883.) 8.8. The last Peony to bloom. Very large, flat, rose-type blooms of rose-white; extremely fragrant. A gem in a class by itself.  
\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
85. **Rosa Bonheur.** (Dessert, 1905.) 9.0. Blooms soft flesh-pink, of globular shape. Free bloomer.  
\$4.00 each

## DEEP PINK PEONIES

## Early

86. **Multiflora.** (Pleas, 1900.) 7.0. Rose-type, pink blooms, glossy as satin, and borne in clusters. Very early.  
\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
87. **Edulis Superba.** (Lémon, 1824.) 7.6. Large, bright mauve-pink blooms, collar mixed with lilac; very fragrant. Strong; free bloomer.  
50 cts. each; \$5.00 per doz.
88. **Mons. Jules Elie.** (Crousse, 1888.) 9.2. Very large, bomb-type bloom of pale lilac-rose; extremely fragrant. Free bloomer. One of the largest and finest of the pinks.  
\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
89. **Lamartine** (also known as **Gigantea**). (Calot, 1860.) 8.3. Flower very large, rose type, pale lilac-rose, very fragrant. Tall; free bloomer.  
\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
90. **Ruth Brand.** (Brand, 1907.) 7.9. Large, compact, bomb type; soft lavender-pink; fragrant. Strong stems.  
\$1.50 each; \$15.00 per doz.

## Midseason

91. **Georgiana Shaylor.** (Shaylor, 1908.) 8.9. Very large, double, light rose-pink flowers, with vivid crimson marks; fragrant. Medium height; floriferous; strong stems.  
\$3.00 each
92. **Kelway's Queen.** (Kelway, 1909.) 8.8. Large, double, bright rose-pink blooms, with flesh tones in collar; strong rose fragrance. Medium height; floriferous; strong stems.  
\$10.00 each
93. **Mme. Duce.** (Méchin, 1880.) 7.9. Large; globular, bomb type; light mauve-rose, with silvery reflex. Strong grower.  
65 cts. each; \$6.50 per doz.
94. **Mons. Bouchardlat aine.** (Calot, 1868.) 7.1. Flower large, full, semi-rose type; uniform light violet-rose, with silvery reflex. Strong grower.  
75 cts. each; \$7.50 per doz.

## MIDSEASON DEEP PINK PEONIES, continued

95. **Walter Faxon.** (Richardson, 1904.) 9.3. Semi-rose type; uniform pure bright rose, deep in center. Tall; free bloomer. Scarce.  
\$3.00 each; \$30.00 per doz.
96. **Mme. Geissler.** (Crousse, 1880.) 7.9. Gigantic rose type; glossy violet-pink. One of the largest Peonies in existence.  
\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
97. **Docteur Bretonneau.** (Verdier, 1854.) 6.4. Medium bomb type; pale lilac-rose; fragrant; splendid keeper. Free bloomer. Also known as Lady Leonora Bramwell.  
65 cts. each; \$6.50 per doz.
98. **Mabel L. Franklin.** (Franklin, 1920.) 9.0. Flower double, very large; guard and center brilliant rose-pink; collar pale salmon. Average height; strong grower; floriferous.  
\$6.00 each
99. **Souvenir de Louis Bigot.** (Dessert, 1913.) 9.1. Large, double, vivid rose-pink flower, brightening to shell-pink in center; mildly fragrant. Medium height; floriferous; strong stems.  
\$3.50 each

## Late

100. **Pierre Duchartre.** (Crousse, 1895.) 8.2. Rose type: deep shell-pink; broad, rounded petals. Strong, upright stems.  
\$1.50 each
101. **Mme. Forel.** (Crousse, 1887.) 7.7. One of the largest imbricated rose-type Peonies. Glossy deep pink blooms with a silvery reflex; fragrant. Tall; free bloomer.  
65 cts. each; \$6.50 per doz.
102. **Livingstone.** (Crousse, 1879.) 8.1. Large; perfect rose type; pale lilac-rose. Free bloomer. Remarkable buds.  
\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
103. **Raoul Dessert.** (Dessert, 1910.) 9.0. Double; large; brilliant shell-pink, of a shade rare in Peonies; rose scented. Medium height; free flowering; erect stems.  
\$6.00 each
104. **Claire Dubois.** (Crousse, 1886.) 8.7. Rose-type, very large, globular blooms of rich clear satiny pink. Extra good.  
\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
105. **La France.** (Lemoine, 1901.) 9.0. Rose-type, enormous, very fragrant flowers on strong stems; soft pink. Erect bloomer.  
\$4.00 each; \$40.00 per doz.
106. **Grace D. Bryan.** (Rosenfield, 1908.) 7.1. Rose-pink, with a very conspicuous carmine center. Very tall; free bloomer. A very good Peony.  
\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
107. **Martha Bulloch.** (Brand, 1907.) 9.1. Brand's best production. Tall, strong grower. Immense blooms of soft rose-pink, well formed, of good substance, fragrant.  
\$5.00 each; \$50.00 per doz.
108. **Dorchester.** (Richardson, 1870.) 7.7. Large, fragrant, delicate hydrangea-pink bloom on strong, rather dwarf, upright stem. Very late.  
65 cts. each; \$6.50 per doz.

## RED PEONIES

## Early

109. **Lord Kitchener.** (Renault, 1916.) 7.8. Dazzling cherry-red flower of rose type. One of the earliest Chinensis Peonies to bloom.  
\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.
110. **Richard Carvel.** (Brand, 1913.) 8.8. The globular bomb-type flower is one shade of bright crimson. Tall; profuse bloomer.  
\$2.50 each; \$25.00 per doz.
111. **Adolphe Rousseau.** (Dessert & Méchin, 1890.) 8.5. Very large, semi-double flowers of deep garnet. Very tall; strong grower.  
\$1.50 each; \$15.00 per doz.

**EARLY RED PEONIES, continued**

112. **Raphael.** (Méchin, 1882.) 7.4. Large, globular bloom of semi-rose type; dark purple-garnet. **\$2.50 each**
113. **Augustin d'Hour.** (Calot, 1867.) 7.8. Very large, well-formed, bomb-type flower; rich, brilliant solferino-red. Erect; free. Fine bud. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.**
114. **Mons. Martin Cahuzac.** (Dessert, 1899.) 8.8. Very dark garnet or maroon globular flowers on strong stems. The darkest of the Peonies. **\$3.00 each; \$30.00 per doz.**
115. **Francois Ortegat.** (Parmentier, 1850.) 6.7. Large, semi-rose type; dark amaranth-red; yellow stamens. Medium height. **55 cts. each; \$5.50 per doz.**

**Midseason**

116. **Felix Crousse.** (Crousse, 1881.) 8.4. Large, globular, bomb-type bloom of brilliant rose-red; fragrant. Strong grower; free bloomer. Finest of all midseason reds. **65 cts. each; \$6.50 per doz.**
117. **Meissonier.** (Crousse, 1886.) 6.5. A brilliant purple amaranth Peony on tall, slender stems. Called the American Beauty Red. **60 cts. each; \$6.00 per doz.**
118. **Philippe Rivoire.** (Rivière, 1911.) 9.2. The most fragrant, bright crimson Peony. Good form and growth. **\$10.00 each**
119. **Longfellow.** (Brand, 1907.) 9.0. A brilliant crimson and cherry color—the brightest red Peony in existence. **\$3.50 each**
120. **Mary Brand.** (Brand, 1907.) 8.7. Immense, full, massive blooms of vivid crimson; delightfully fragrant. **\$2.00 each; \$20.00 per doz.**
121. **Purpurea Superba.** (Delâche, 1855.) 7.2. Large, bomb-type blooms of bright crimson; no stamens. Strong; free bloomer. Very tall. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.**
122. **Mme. Bucquet.** (Dessert, 1888.) 7.3. Blooms large, semi-rose type, deep crimson-amaranth; fragrant. Strong; upright; free bloomer. **65 cts. each; \$6.50 per doz.**
123. **Karl Rosenfield.** (Rosenfield, 1908.) 8.8. Very large, globular, compact, semi-rose type blooms of dark brilliant crimson on tall stems. **\$1.00 each; \$10.00 per doz.**
124. **Grover Cleveland.** (Terry, 1904.) 8.2. Double, large, bright crimson blooms; mildly fragrant. Medium height; floriferous; stiff stems. **\$1.50 each; \$15.00 per doz.**

**Late**

125. **The Indian.** (Brand.) Very late. A good cut-flower variety. **\$2.00 each**
126. **Louis Van Houtte.** (Calot, 1867.) 6.9. Semi-rose type; deep rich satiny crimson—very brilliant coloring; fragrant. One of the best reds. **65 cts. each; \$6.50 per doz.**
127. **Marechal Vaillant.** (Calot, 1867.) 7.5. Very large, globular, rose type; blood-red. Tall; coarse stem. A good variety. Very late. **65 cts. each; \$6.50 per doz.**
128. **Delachei.** (Delâche, 1856.) 7.1. Large, compact, semi-rose type; violet-crimson. Strong; erect. Very fine. The largest dark red Peony. **70 cts. each; \$7.00 per doz.**
129. **Rubra Superba.** (Richardson, 1871.) 7.2. Large, brilliant red blooms. The best and the very latest red. **70 cts. each; \$7.00 per doz.**
130. **Shenandoah.** (Brand.) Very late, fragrant variety. Large and very double. Blooms profusely with Rubra Superba. **\$1.50 each**



## YELLOW PEONIES

### Early

131. **Laura Dessert.** (Dessert, 1913.) 8.8. Anemone type; medium size; guards pale pink, opening cream, changing to white; center light lemon; moderately fragrant. Medium height; floriferous; good stems. **\$6.00 each**
132. **Candidissima.** (Calot, 1856.) 7.1. Rose type. Pure white with a sulphur-yellow center. Chaste and refined. **\$1.00 each**
133. **Sulphurea.** (Lémon, 1830.) 6.6. Crown type. Large flowers with white guard petals and sulphur-yellow center. A free bloomer. **\$1.00 each**

### Midseason

134. **Princess Nicolas Bibesco.** (Guerin, 1863.) Globular, low crown; guards light pink, center charming, delicate yellow. **50 cts. each; \$5.00 per doz.**
135. **Golden Harvest.** (Rosenfield, 1900.) 7.3. Bomb-shaped bloom with guard petals lilac-rose and center sulphur-yellow. Free bloomer. **65 cts. each; \$6.50 per doz.**
136. **Primevere.** (Lemoine, 1907.) 8.6. Guard petals deep creamy yellow and center petals sulphur-yellow. The yellowest of the Herbaceous Peonies. **\$4.00 each**

## Japanese Section

This is a type of Herbaceous Peony developed from the single type. In the process of development, the stamens and anthers have lost their character as such, and have become transformed into narrow, thick petaloids or into narrow petals tipped with vestiges of the yellow anthers without pollen, and are surrounded by five or more broad guard petals.

This form of bloom was a favorite with the gardeners of Japan, hence the name "Japanese Peonies."

They are strong growers, and many fine varieties, embracing a wide range of color, have been imported to this country from Japan; some seedlings of exceptional merit have also been produced by American growers.

They can be grown under the same conditions as the so-called *Chinensis* Peonies and require the same treatment.

We offer the following:

137. **Ama-no-sode.** (Japan.) 9.2. One of the best "Japs." Bright rose-pink. Stamens yellow, edged gold and faced pink. Very large. Midseason. **\$8.00 each**
138. **Fuyajo.** (Japan.) 9.2. Rich mahogany-red; center petaloids red, tipped chamois; medium size. Midseason. **\$5.00 each**
139. **Isani Gidui.** (Japan.) 9.3. Pure white; center petals edged and tipped gold; very large. Midseason. **\$10.00 each**
140. **Mikado.** (Peterson, 1893.) 8.6. Uniform crimson guards; stamens of yellow, faced crimson. Good. Medium size. Midseason. **\$2.00 each**
141. **Some-ganoko.** (Japan.) 9.0. Rich, velvety dark red; center petals golden yellow, streaked red; large. Midseason. **\$5.00 each**
142. **Tomate-boku** (also known as **Tomatbako**). (Japan.) 9.4. The largest "Jap." Bright pink; center yellow and tipped pink; gold edges. Midseason. **\$20.00 each**
143. **Tokio.** (Intro. Dessert, 1910.) 8.9. Large; dull rose-pink; stamens tipped white, tinted yellow. Midseason. **\$5.00 each**
144. **Toro-no-maki.** (Japan.) 9.0. Very large; flesh, changing to lilac-white; center stamens white, edged yellow. Midseason. **\$8.00 each**

## SINGLE PEONIES

These resemble anemones in form, consisting of a central cushion of yellow stamens surrounded by one row of guard petals in all shades and tints of color, and are a very desirable type of Peony both for landscape effect and for cut-flowers.

We offer only the finest varieties.

145. **Helen.** (Thurlow, 1922.) 9.0. Deep shell-pink. A new variety that is still rare. Beautiful. **\$10.00 each**
146. **Le Jour.** (Shaylor, 1915.) 8.6. Pure white, with gold stamens. Remarkable substance. Midseason. **\$4.00 each**
147. **Mafeking.** (Kelway.) 8.2. Bright scarlet-crimson. One of the brightest singles. **\$3.00 each**
148. **Marguerite Dessert.** (Dessert, 1913.) 8.5. White, evenly powdered with minute dots of carmine; stamens yellow. **\$4.00 each**
149. **Mellin Knight.** (Brand, 1920.) Rich, dark red; stamens golden yellow. **\$3.50 each**
150. **Nellie.** (Kelway, 1915.) 8.6. A very large flower of uniform shell-pink. **\$3.00 each**
151. **Pride of Langport.** (Kelway, 1909-10.) 8.9. Soft, pleasing shade of pink; long yellow stamens. **\$4.00 each**
152. **Rosy Dawn.** (Barr.) 8.5. Opens soft pink, changes to pure white. Midseason. **\$2.00 each**
153. **The Moor.** (Barr.) 7.8. Tall, showy flower of very dark garnet; yellow stamens. Early. **\$2.50 each**



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